benefit of coffee growers such as reschedulement of loans, implementation of interest relief scheme, transportation subsidy scheme etc. have been introduced by the Government.

Expert Committee on SEZs

2387. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Expert Committee has submitted a report proposing separate legislation for Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof togetherwith the text of the proposed legislation;

(c) by when, the legislation is likely to be put in place; and

(d) whether any specific proposals have been made by the Committee for boosting the country's exports and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action has already been initiated to prepare draft of the legislation.

(c) It is difficult to indicate a time frame for the legislation since several department would have to be involved.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Committee has recommended the continuation of duty neutralization schemes with appropriate modification, encouraging export of agriculture products and simplification of procedure.

Trade relation with Nepal

2388. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Nepal unhappy with trade pact" which appeared in the Statesman dated the 21st March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the Nepal Government has expressed unhappiness on the recently renewed trade treaty with India;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the details of other steps taken by Government to boost trade deals with Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes Sir. There was news item in the Statesman dated 21st March, 2002 captioned "Nepal unhappy with trade pact".

(b) His Majesty's Government of Nepal has made no official representations showing unhappiness over the renewal of the India-Nepal Treaty of Trade on 2nd March, 2002.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Under the India-Nepal Treaty of trade renewed from time to time, both countries grant facilities for free and unhampered flow of goods and exchange tariff preferences to promote bilateral trade on mutually agreed terms and conditions.

Export of fruits

†2389. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to enter into the World's market with any kind of brand name denoting quality and the best of the items meant for export from India;

(b) if so, whether Government would make efforts to export of fruits like mangoes, apples, oranges etc., to be competitive and market—oriented one in the world's markets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.